

# Wipi language

**Wipi**, also known as **Gidra**, **Jibu** or **Oriomo**,<sup>[2]</sup> is a Papuan language of New Guinea. It is a member of the Eastern Trans-Fly family, the other languages of this family being Gizrra, Meriam Mir and Bine. The family has influenced the neighbouring Kiwai language as well as Kalau Lagau Ya.

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Wipi	
Gidra	
<b>Native to</b>	Papua New Guinea
<b>Native speakers</b>	3,500 (1999) <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Language family</b>	Trans-Fly <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Eastern Trans-Fly<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Wipi</b></li></ul></li></ul>
Language codes	
<b>ISO 639-3</b>	gdr
<b>Glottolog</b>	wipi1242 ( <span>http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/wipi1242</span> )

Wipi is spoken in fourteen main villages, with the Wipim village as the centre. Wipi speakers occupy a broad swathe of inland territory in the eastern plains between the Fly River and the Torres Strait, specifically around the Oriomo River and Binaturi River.<sup>[3]</sup>

## Phonology

Phonology of the Wipi language<sup>[4][5]</sup>:

### Consonants

	<u>Labial</u>	<u>Alveolar</u>	<u>Palatal</u>	<u>Velar</u>
<u>Plosive</u>	p b	t d		k g
<u>Implosive</u>	ɓ			
<u>Nasal</u>	m	n		ŋ
<u>Rhotic</u>		r		
<u>Fricative</u>		s	ʃ	
<u>Lateral</u>		l		
<u>Approximant</u>	w			

### Vowels

	<u>Front</u>	<u>Central</u>	<u>Back</u>
<u>High</u>	i	ɨ	u
<u>Mid</u>	e		o
<u>Low</u>		a	

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